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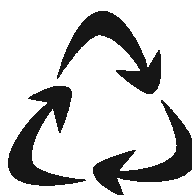
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Welcome to Portland!

by General Chairman Ed Fischer

Most of you will read this during and after the big coin show. This is because PNNA prints out this great newsletter for distribution free to anyone who attends. It is packed with information about local events, informative tidbits and the activities of PNNA. Now to the message.

Greetings to my fellow numismatists in the northwest region of this great country. I would like to offer you a warm welcome to the annual Portland show brought to you by the Willamette Coin Club and Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association. It will be a chance for folks to gather with like minds and also to publicly honor WCC for their 30 years of existence.

Admission is still the same \$2 that it has been for many years. If you ride the MAX and can show your receipt, admission is free. There is a fee for Early Bird admission.

Activities will include hourly door prizes, Boy Scout Merit Badge classes, Young Numismatist treasure hunt, exhibits and the cutting of the cake for the WCC 30-year celebration. 90+ local, regional and national dealers will be filling the bourse floor with all kinds of eye candy.

Hope to see you there. For additional questions, email me at edoregon@comcast.net, or call 503-507-6721.

Hours are (subject to change):

Dealer/exhibitor set up and Early Bird entry:

Friday, October 7, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 8, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 9, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Public entry:

Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Show Information

- Show location: DoubleTree Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon, just a short walk from the Lloyd Center shopping areas. There is paid parking at the hotel and on surrounding streets.
- If it's too late for the group rates at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center, there are other hotels within a reasonable distance, and other rates may be available.
- Regular admission is only \$2.00 per day, and you might win something in the hourly door prize drawings. Early Bird admission is available at extra cost.
- See the PNNA website for a list of dealers.

- ANACS (grading service) will be at the show, with a bourse table. They will be accepting submissions, but there will not be a grader present. See their back-cover ad and the ANACS website (www.anacs.com).
- There will be a YN treasure hunt on Saturday and Sunday. This program is hosted by the PNNA and by participating local coin clubs. It will be conducted by popular ANA Past President Walter Ostromecki.
- There will be judged collector exhibits and awards again this year. For additional information about collector exhibits at the PNNA conventions, including the exhibit applications, rules and judging criteria, please see the PNNA webpage at <http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits.html>.
- There will once again be souvenir elongated coins with a special design, and you can make your own with the PNNA's "penny press."
- Many thanks again to the Willamette Coin Club and their many dedicated members for hosting the show. Their club website is <http://www.pdxcoinclub.org/>.

Shout out from Vice President

by PNNA Vice President Ed Fischer

It is with great appreciation that I acknowledge my election as Vice President. It seems that so many elected officials take the mantle of leadership too lightly. So many forget that they are in those positions to *serve* and not help themselves. I am not so egotistical to think that what I will try to accomplish over the next few years will save lives or change the world. I am here, however, to help educate, promote fellowship and assist my peer collectors advance in this hobby.

We have had great leaders in the past. Immediate Past President Danny Bisgaard and current President James Reinders have been working in a direction that has helped numismatics grow in the Great Northwest. My hope is to continue healthy growth in this region. I would be foolish if I did not also acknowledge the remainder of the board. Each has been involved with committee work that works pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. Together it ties together to advance numismatics.

I commit to the membership a continued vigilance and giving of my time to you. If you have any needs or see a direction that you would like this group go, contact me at edoregon@comcast.net or 503-507-6721. We can discuss any subject. I can also help direct your coin related questions to those more educated than myself.

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PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President James Reinders

Sharing our hobby is a passion of our members – and we are blessed to have so many people helping in so many ways.

I'm excited by all the educational programs we see at the clubs, shows, and other events. This year's PNNA-Willamette Annual Convention in Portland will be no exception with dealers, volunteers, exhibits, kid's treasure trivia and the Boy Scout workshop. Everyone plays a role in sharing our love of numismatics with others! Congratulations to our member club, the Willamette Coin Club (pdxcoinclub.org), on their 30th anniversary! There should be celebrating going on at the convention!

In August, we had a great presence at the scouting jamboree WashJam 2016 – see the story on pp. 14-15. The PNNA was there thanks to the dedication and hard work of Kevin Charboneau, Tony Kalt and Rick Schulz. Thank you to all who helped!

In September, we had a great presence at the 2016 Puyallup Fair (now officially known as the 2016 Washington State Fair - September 2-25, 2016). Once again, the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association hosted a display in the Fair's Hobby Hall with Rick Schulz coordinating not only our volunteers but a display to educate Fair visitors about coins, coin collecting and numismatics in general. Our volunteers work to develop interest in coins and collecting with lots of giveaways and games focused on kids. Thank you to all who helped!

During our summer board meeting, we approved a new logo for the PNNA. It debuted at WashJam and in the PNNA booth at the Puyallup Fair. Having come off our 75th anniversary year, and the special 75th anniversary logo; it is great to have a fresh logo for the PNNA for the newsletter, website, banners, elongated cents, etc.



This is the approved black and white version of the new PNNA logo, prepared by artist Tim Garcia based on the 75th anniversary medal design by sculptor Thomas D. Rogers.

Color and black and white logos appear together on the cover of this newsletter.

The Board and Officers serve at your pleasure – please contact any one of us with your suggestions. We want to grow this organization and we want to better educate our members on the subject of numismatics.

Have a great numismatic fall – consider attending the Tri-City Coin Club show in Richland, WA (Oct. 1-2), PNNA-Willamette Coin Club Fall Convention in Portland (Oct. 8-9), Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show in Renton (Oct. 9 and Dec. 11), Spokane Fall Coin Show (Oct. 15-16), first annual Polk County Coin Show (Oct. 23), Bremerton-West Sound Coin Show (Nov. 5), Everett Coin & Stamp Show on Nov. 19, Holiday Coin Show in Tacoma (Nov. 26), Salem Coin Club annual show in Salem, OR (Dec. 3-4), Kent Valley Coin Show (Dec. 10) or the Northwest Token & Medal Society meeting in Olympia (Dec. 11). As always, double-check the date and location for shows on the “Calendar” page on the pnna.org website, and also pick up a paper copy of the calendar in Portland. (Note: Shows should normally be open to the public from at least 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise indicated, although dealers typically begin taking down early on Sundays.)

I hope to see many of you this fall in Portland.

Projected Board Meeting dates and locations:

October 8, 2016 – PNNA/WCC Convention at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel in Portland – 6 p.m.

January 21, 2017 – Boeing Employees Coin Show at the Kent Commons in Kent, Wash. – 6 p.m.

March 18, 2017 – PNNA Annual Convention at the Tukwila Community Center in Tukwila, Wash. – 8 a.m. Board/6 p.m. Membership/Awards.

2017 Summer Board Meeting - Date and location TBD.

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including the summer meeting in July, are available on the website (<http://www.pnna.org/minutes/board.html>), or PNNA members may request copies of the minutes via the PNNA's information email, info@pnna.org, or by writing to the address listed on page 2.

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COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

October 2016

OCT 1-2 TRI-CITY COIN CLUB FALL SHOW, M-Motel, 1515 George Washington Way, Richland, WA

OCT 1-2 BUENA PARK COIN SHOW, Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA

OCT 8-9 (Setup Oct 7) PNNA-WCC 12TH ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION & COIN SHOW, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR

OCT 9 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Red Lion Hotel at 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

OCT 14-16 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV

OCT 15-16 SPOKANE INLAND EMPIRE FALL COIN SHOW, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

OCT 22 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

OCT 22 UMPQUA VALLEY STAMP AND COIN SHOW, Seven Feathers Casino, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR

OCT 23 POLK COUNTY COIN SHOW, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall, OR

OCT 26-29 DENVER COIN EXPO, Denver, CO

November 2016

NOV 5 BREMERTON-WEST SOUND COIN SHOW, Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA

NOV 5-6 EDMONTON COIN SHOW AND SALE, Howard Johnson Hotel, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton, Alberta

NOV 11-12 SOUTH BAY-SUNNYVALE COIN SHOW, The Domain Hotel, 1085 El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA

NOV 19 EVERETT COIN CLUB FALL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett, WA

NOV 26 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

NOV 26 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOC. STAMP & COIN FAIR, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC

December 2016

DEC 3-4 SALEM COIN, STAMP and POSTCARD SHOW, Oregon State Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 256, Columbia Hall, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR

DEC 9-11 THE VEGAS COIN SHOW, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV

DEC 10 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 11 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Red Lion Hotel at 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

DEC 11 (8AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOC., Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

DEC 16-18 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV

DEC 17-18 CSNA CONVENTION AND COIN SHOW, Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA

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January 2017 — See pnna.org for updates and more shows

JAN 5-8 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. 62nd ANNUAL CONVENTION, Fort Lauderdale Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL

JAN 5-8 NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONV., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City, NY

JAN 6-7 EAST BAY-CONCORD COIN SHOW, The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord, CA

JAN 7 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

JAN 21-22 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 28 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

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Dollars — North, Middle and South *by Mark Benvenuto*

Although we have looked at dollars before – or perhaps because of it – now might be a good time to examine dollars in a slightly different light, and make some comparisons. If we have always just thought of silver dollar collecting as a matter of finding shinier and better graded Morgan and Peace dollars, let's consider these coins from a wider angle and see what sort of collection might be formed.

1776, a Spanish colonial dollar

There was a long span of time between the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the first issues of any coins at all from the United States Mint. That means the economy of the U.S. when it was one day old – on 5 July 1776 – ran on Spanish coinage. Any 8 reales piece from 1776 or before could serve as the first silver dollar in this new collection.

One dollar per king

Spain had built an enormous empire in the New World, and had been pulling silver out of its colonies in Mexico, as well as what was called Nueva Guatemala and the Viceroyalty of El Peru for centuries by the time of the U.S. Revolutionary War. By the late 1700's, the design of the 8 reales had become rather standard: the portrait of the king on the obverse, and the royal coat of arms of the House of Castille and Leon on the reverse. There were many years with high mintages, and it's a pleasant surprise for a collector new to this field to find that those common dates are still quite affordable today. A short collection of kings is a good way to expand from the single 8 reales piece we just mentioned.

A U.S. dollar from before 1804

Just about every date and variety of United States silver dollar with a date of 1804 or before is going to be rare, and thus a lot more expensive than their 8 reales counterparts. The Mint just never managed to produce that many in any given year (and plenty were exported and melted). But for the collector who saves up, one of these might go well with the Spanish colonial pieces that were the workhorse silver pieces of a young U.S., and that might have circulated north into Canada as well.

The first Cap and Rays dollar

Mexico went through its own revolutionary war a few decades after the U.S. did, and one change that came from it, one with which collectors are familiar today, is the switch from the royal bust on an 8 reales piece to what is called the "Cap and Rays" design. These coins represent something of an evolution (as opposed to a revolution), the cap symbolizing freedom from a colonial overlord, and eventually reales becoming pesos an evolution to a new monetary system in a free nation. These new Mexican silver pieces were accepted in the U.S. up to 1857, and many of them are very inexpensive today.



1795 Bust Dollar

A Seated Liberty dollar

Although Congress said "no more!" to Mexican silver in 1857, it was quite a few years until the output of U.S. silver dollars got anywhere near large enough to be called common. For the collector wishing to add a Seated Liberty dollar to any growing collection, the years 1871 or 1872 might be the best bets. These two years are the only ones in the entire span of this big coin – from 1840 to 1873 – where the official Mint tally goes over 1 million coins (and in both cases, just barely). Neither is cheap today, but once again, a person can save up and add one of these beautiful pieces to a silver dollar collection that spans the centuries.



1859-O Seated Liberty Dollar

A United States trade dollar

The short-lived United States trade dollar deserves a place on our list simply because the late nineteenth century saw a glut of silver on the world's markets, and those in charge within the U.S. tried the creation of a coin like this as a way to move some of it. These big dollars were made to circulate in the Empire of China, and did to some extent. At home they were not particularly welcome though, and Congress ultimately ordered them demonetized. Thus, Mint records don't accurately reflect whether a particular date or mint mark is common today. A person can add a good looking one with some minor wear on it to any collection though, for perhaps a few hundred dollars.



*1877-S
Trade Dollar*

At last, a Morgan dollar

If Morgan and Peace dollars have been one of your collecting loves, thank you for reading this far before we got to this pride and joy, as it were. Any collection of silver dollars throughout the ages would be incomplete without a Morgan dollar – and there are so many common ones that the tough part is finding just one to add to a collection. Several dates are over 10 million, and the final gasp, the 1921's, are far above that.



*1882-S
Morgan Dollar*

The Peace dollar

Morgan and Peace dollars always seem to go hand in hand, and even though the latter series is shorter, there are several Peace dollars from which to choose when adding one to our collection. The 1922 is the most common, but several other dates are inexpensive as well.



*1923-S
Peace Dollar*

1935, two dollars

The year 1935 saw the end of the U.S. silver dollar denomination, but the beginning of the Canadian silver dollars. Buying one of each will relatively easy on the wallet, and will add two more handsome pieces to any collection.

1967, the Confederation Centennial

Canada kept the dream alive long after it had appeared to have died in the U.S., putting out a fantastic string of what are now called the Voyageur silver dollars. The famous voyageurs disappeared on occasion, making way for a commemorative design. The last of these for which the silver dollar was indeed silver was the 1967 Confederation Centennial, with the Canada goose reverse. The coin is beautiful, is inexpensive, and is certainly worth adding to our collection.

Well, that's a list of ten or more silver dollar coins that may be very different than what we are used to. But the silver from down south in Mexico was the coin of new countries to the north that were expanding rapidly. And as mentioned, even though the law changed in 1857, it was fourteen more years before the U.S. put out over a million silver dollars per year. And although the United States got out of the silver dollar business in 1935, as it were, Canada got into it that very same year – and wouldn't get out for 32 more years. Yes, this is a very different list of silver dollars. But it is a wonderful excursion through history, and could be the start of a beautiful collection.

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*Photo (left): Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club member **Fred DeRome** assists visitors at the PNNA booth in the Hobby Hall at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.*

Photo (below): Boy Scouts participating in the PNNA-sponsored activities at WashJam 2016, held Aug. 25-28 at Joint Base Lewis McChord near Tacoma.

See stories on pages 14-15. Photos by Richard Schulz.



ANA Summer Seminar Reports and more!

PNNA Adult Scholarship Report

by Lance Nesemann, PNNA Director

I would first like to start by thanking the PNNA Board members for selecting me for the 2016 Scholarship. The Scholarship program is an excellent way for PNNA members to be able to enjoy the ANA School in Colorado Springs. While in Colorado Springs I stayed for two weeks. On the first week my Daytime class was grading level one with instructor's Don Bonser and Jim Stoutjesdyk. Then on the second week I had grading level two with instructors Jerry Bobbe and Tom Hallenbeck. These classes were instrumental in helping me to learn the basics of grading and beyond. When I arrived at the summer seminar I had very little knowledge on grading. I was amazed at the amount of information I was able to retain. While I still have much to learn on the intricacy of grading I feel that taking these two classes has propelled me forward immeasurably. I look forward to sharing my new found knowledge and experience with local coin club members. On the first week I also took a nighttime class entitled "Conder Tokens" with instructor Jerry Bobbe. He has a wealth of knowledge and passion for the series and it was a most informative class to have taken. Jerry Bobbe passed around and shared with us some very prime examples of Conder tokens from his own personal collection. On week two I took a night course titled "Coin Shop Basics" with Instructor Brian Fanton. Since I am planning on opening a coin shop with my friend Ronald Engholm in the near future, this class was most informative. Brian Fanton has been a coin shop owner for many decades and he was able to give wonderful tips on the situations that can occur in the daily operations of a successful coin shop.

Some other wonderful perks of attending the ANA Summer Seminar is the access to the ANA Museum and Library. I particularly enjoyed the Archives of the ANA Library as they had quarterly issues of our own PNNA *Nor'wester* dating back to the 1950's and 1960's. It is inspiring to see that the rich heritage of the PNNA has survived for over 75 years, and our founding members have passed on a healthy Organization. Some of the work of the early PNNA members is still alive and well today in the ANA Library for future generations to view and enjoy. Another perk of attending the ANA Seminar is early access to the Colorado Springs coin show between weeks one and two. While attending the ANA Summer Seminar I stayed on campus in a dorm room. In the evenings after classes were finished most students and instructors gathered in the courtyards to have a drink and talk about the days classes. I met people from Boston, Chicago, Texas and as far away as Japan. These passionate folks shared their wealth of knowledge and stories in a wide range of numismatics. I plan on attending the ANA Summer Seminar again in the near future, and I would highly recommend the ANA Summer Seminar to anyone! The experiences that I had, both in and out of the classrooms, are memories that I will cherish for a lifetime! Again thank you

very much to the PNNA for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2016 ANA Summer Seminar.

PNNA Adult Scholarship Report

by Alan Franke

The 2016 ANA Summer Seminar was good. Everyone was there for the same purpose of learning to be a better numismatist. I attended the first session and took the class "Grading United States Coins, Part 2."

It was taught by John Schuch II (NGC grader), Steven Feltner (former PCGS grader) and David McCarthy (senior numismatist at Kagin's). Learning from these instructors doesn't get any better than that for knowledge and experience. We were challenged to grade the coins based on our own knowledge. Then we learned how our criteria varied versus our instructor's, our classmate's, and the grading services. It was great to learn from some of the best coin graders in the country.

It was also good to see so many young numismatists — people we will sell our collections to 20 years from now. There was one young numismatist I was talking to when I pulled a 1914-D cent out of my pocket with some other change. He was blown away that I would keep a 14-D in my pocket. I explained I was just wearing off the improper cleaning. You should also look at your change before you spend it.

I also attended a mini-seminar called "Collecting Oddball Denominations." This course was taught by John Frost. You can find his book on the U.S. 20-cent piece free at the website www.doubledimes.com.

The 2016 ANA Summer Seminar was a great week. I learned a lot and will be able to apply this knowledge. I would like to say thanks to the PNNA for sponsoring me with a scholarship to attend the 2016 ANA Summer Seminar.

WashJam 2016 Report

by Richard Schulz

On August 25-28 Scouts from all across the Pacific Northwest came together for WashJam 2016, a regional jamboree held every four years at Joint Base Lewis McChord near Tacoma. Over 4,500 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Varsity, Explorers, Girl Scouts and adults enjoyed four days of camping and a myriad of scouting activities.

The PNNA was there. Kevin Charboneau, Tony Kalt and Rick Schulz spent months attending meetings, surveying the JBLM site and organizing activities designed to spark interest in coins and coin collecting. In addition to giving away a special pressed penny designed especially for WashJam, scouts and their family members enjoyed playing a penny game similar to the one the PNNA plays at the Washington State Fair. There was also a display of memorabilia from the 1973 national jamboree. Thanks go out to Del Cushing who furnished the material for the display.

Tony Kalt held three coin collecting merit badge seminars on both Friday and Saturday. It's a mystery how he could still talk at the end of the day Saturday. Several scout leaders who had scouts attend Tony's coin show seminars heaped praise on him for his ability to engage the scouts. His passion and enthusiasm definitely comes through. Around 130 scouts attended Tony's seminars over the course of the weekend.

Beside the seminars nearly 1,000 scouts, scout masters, troop leaders and family members visited our canopy compound. Many who attended thanked us for being there and providing scouts with the opportunity to earn their coin collecting merit badge.

Not all was rainbows and roses at this year's WashJam. After a pleasant early Friday morning setting up our canopies and displays, temperatures rose to the mid 90s by early afternoon. The heat kept some scouts close to their tents. It was 20 degrees cooler Saturday but unfortunately a strong west wind pushed in overnight and stayed all day. When we got to the site that morning we found one of Tony's canopies about 20 yards downwind. Fortunately damage was minimal and he was still able to set it up. The wind also snapped one of the poles supporting our new PNNA banner. It was done for the day.

Despite the heat, the wind and the dust we all had a great time with the scouts. I feel they were truly happy we were there. According to event chairman John Ohlson, WashJam 2016 was a smashing success, with 4,585 attendees at the final count; 2,657 youth and 1,928 adults, and 563 of those were staff members.

I am already looking forward to WashJam 2020!



Photo: PNNA canopy booth at WashJam 2016. See additional photo on page 13, along with Puyallup Fair photo.

Puyallup Fair Report

by PNNA Fair coordinator Rick Schulz

Friday Sept. 2 marked the opening day of the Washington State Fair (though most everyone still knows it as the Puyallup Fair). For many years the PNNA has hosted a display in the Fair's Hobby Hall, and for the past several years I have had the privilege of coordinating the display. The purpose of the display is to educate Fair visitors about coins, coin collecting and numismatics in general. We also try to draw kids' interest to coins and collecting with lots of giveaways and games. Every year of my tenure I have tried to elevate our display with something new, interesting and educational, and for the past several years it has required the talents of my co-coordinator Kevin Charboneau. For Kevin and I, and many volunteers and contributors, work on our Fair display has become nearly a year-round endeavor, with things starting to ramp up by the end of March.

The 2016 version of the Fair is quite different with opening day now on the Friday before the Labor Day weekend and running for an additional week. I was concerned about finding volunteers for the holiday weekend. Much to my relief our numismatic community came through and filled most of the weekend shifts. Though there are still lots of holes to be filled, overall support has been gratifying. Many volunteers sign up year after year because it is so much fun. If you live outside the Puget Sound area and feel it is too far away, consider the Fair (one of the largest in the country) a destination for a two or three day road trip. Volunteering gets you free passes to the Fair, and when you're not covering a four-hour shift, you can be enjoying all the sights and sounds and smells and tastes of the Fair.



The public also embraced the new opening weekend showing up in strong numbers. Many visitors came by our display where they were greeted with our usual penny game for kids of all ages and an opportunity to make their own squished penny using the PNNA's penny press. This is the fourth year we've had the penny press at the Fair, and every year we've created a special dated design just for the Fair. We hope to continue this run of dated squished Fair pennies for a long time. In addition to birth date pennies and squished pennies we also give away world coins and, thanks to the generosity of the Gene Henry estate, 1989 Washington Centennial medallions.

The Fair runs through Sunday Sept. 25, but is closed on Tuesdays. If you are reading this and there is still time (or, more likely, next year in September of 2017), do yourself a favor and come out to see us at the Washington State Fair. You'll have a lot of fun.

